GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4407
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SECURITY OF SENIOR CITIZENS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN;BAHADUR SINGH KOLI;BRAHMANAND MANDAL;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive plan has been formed by the Government for security of senior citizens in the Capital as well as in States/UTs to tackle the crime against elderly in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Delhi High Court has directed the Commissioner of Police to maintain data on the senior citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of senior citizens living in Delhi; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for the safety of their life ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Delhi Police have formulated a comprehensive scheme for the security of senior citizens found to be residing alone in Delhi. A list of such senior citizens has been prepared Police Station-wise and the Beat staff concerned has been made responsible for their safety and security. So far as the safety of senior citizens in the States is concerned, since the law and order is a state subject, it is for the State Governments concerned to prepare plans for the safety of senior citizens.

(c) & (d): The High Court of Delhi have in a Criminal Writ Petition No. 723/2000 directed the Station House Officers to keep a record of senior citizens residing within their jurisdiction and to verify the character and antecedents of the domestic servants or any domestic help engaged by such senior citizens residing within their jurisdiction.

(e): As per the records prepared by the Delhi Police, 3401 senior citizens were found to be living alone in Delhi as on 30th November, 2001.

(f): The steps taken by the Delhi Police for the safety of senior citizens include maintenance of record of the senior citizens living alone; frequent visits by the Beat Constables to the senior citizens; periodic visits by the Divisional Officer to enquire about their welfare; verification of the antecedents of the domestic help, if any, employed by them; and verification of the antecedents of the chowkidar of the area.